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Dear Madam,

Richard Blumenthal replied today to correspondence which I recently sent to him:

"Dear Mr. Selgas:

Thank you for your recent thoughtful correspondence concerning the Microsoft antitrust case."

"You may also express your opinion to the judge of the federal trial court considering this settlement by filing written comments with the United States Department of Justice by January 28, 2002.

Please keep me informed of your opinions on the case.

Thank you again for contacting me.

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Sincerely,
Richard Blumenthal
Attorney General"

Thus, I am providing you with opinions that may help you obtain an equitable settlement for all Americans, especially those who are not always included.

My email to Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, follows:

Subject: Accessibility and Unbundled Version of Windows
Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2001 18:38:03 -0500
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Dear Sir:

I have just read the below referenced article in today's NYTimes:

"States Ask Judge for Unbundled Version of Windows
By REUTERS Copyright 2001 Reuters Ltd December 7, 2001"

In your efforts to secure an open marketplace, please consider

the circumstances of Americans with Disabilities in particular

Accessibility has varied definitions:

- 1 : providing access
- 2 a : capable of being reached ; also : being within reach b : easy to speak or deal with
- 3 : capable of being influenced : OPEN
- 4 : capable of being used or seen : AVAILABLE
- 5 : capable of being understood or appreciated

All of these definitions are pertinent to the able bodied and even more so to those of us who need all of the capabilities of personal computing, internet, world wide web, e-mail and more to not just exist but to function effectively in the current and evolving world. These capabilities are not truly accessible if we are locked into one company's version of accessibility.

I see Microsoft embracing "accessibility" only if one uses their version. The concept of Open Systems is not that of one company's version of the appropriate pieces of computer resources and their architecture. It is the concept of all widely available commercial computer resources being able to be selected and used as required by the consumer in an architecture of his or her choosing. This is especially true to provide equitable treatment of those with disability.

I applaud your efforts; and I appreciate your attention.

Yours truly,
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Please satisfy these concerns in any federal settlement with Microsoft.

Thank you for your efforts and attention.

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